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SUBJECT: US-SRV RELATIONS: PRESS GUIDANCE

1. AT THE NOON BRIEFING APRIL 14, THE SPOKESMAN SAID THAT NO DATE HAS BEEN FIXED NOR HAS THE US DELEGATION BEEN CHOSEN FOR UPCOMING TALKS WITH THE VIETNAMESE IN PARIS. HE SAID HE HAD NOTHING ON AN AP REPORT OF A US PROPOSAL TO EXCHANGE AMBASSADORS WITH VIETNAM. HE ALSO SAID HE HAD NOTHING IN REPLY TO A FOLLOW-UP QUERY ON WHETHER A MEETING WITH THE VIETNAMESE AT THE ASSISTANT SECRETARY LEVEL IS SCHEDULED FOR MAY.

2. FOLLOWING IS THE FULL GUIDANCE FOR YOUR INFORMATION:

Q: CAN YOU CONFIRM AN AP (GEDDA) STORY OF TODAY THAT THE US IS LIKELY TO PROPOSE AN EXCHANGE OF AMBASSADORS WITH
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VIETNAM AND THAT WE WANTED TO SEND A DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY TO THE TALKS IN PARIS, BUT HAD TO RAISE THE LEVEL AT VIETNAMESE INSISTENCE?

A: I HAVE NOTHING ON THIS, EXCEPT TO REPEAT THAT WE ARE IN TOUCH WITH THE VIETNAMESE THROUGH OUR EMBASSIES IN PARIS TO DISCUSS THE NECESSARY DETAILS OF TALKS. NEITHER DATES

NOR REPRESENTATIVES HAVE BEEN AGREED UPON AS YET. WE LOOK

FORWARD TO AGREEMENT SOON ON AN EARLY MEETING IN PARIS.

Q: THE AP ITEM ALSO ALLEGES THAT THERE IS CONTINUING
US-SRV HAGGLING HAMPERING THE OPENING OF NEGOTIATIONS.
CAN YOU CONFIRM THIS?

A: NO. AS I HAVE SAID, WE LOOK FORWARD TO AN EARLY
PARIS MEETING. THERE HAS BEEN NO HAGGLING.

3. THIS WAS OF COURSE PRIOR TO RECEIPT HERE OF PARIS
10885. WE ANTICIPATE FURTHER PRESS STORIES INCLUDING
AT LEAST ONE CITING EXACT DATE. WE INTEND TO CONFIRM IF
ASKED.
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